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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (IF KNOWN, SEE 37 CFR 1.5)

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
**PCT/DE99/02187**INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
**13 July 1999**PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
**19 August 1998**

**TITLE OF INVENTION**  
**CONTACT ELEMENT**

**APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US**  
**Peter Langheinrich**

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1.  This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2.  This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3.  This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4.  A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5.  A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (2))
  - a.  is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b.  has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c.  is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6.  A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7.  A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).
8.  Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
  - a.  are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b.  have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c.  have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d.  have not been made and will not be made.
9.  A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
10.  An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
11.  A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12.  A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

**Items 13 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

13.  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14.  An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15.  A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
16.  A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
17.  A substitute specification.
18.  A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
19.  Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail
20.  Other items or information:

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21. The following fees are submitted:

**BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)) :**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO . . . . .	1000. -	\$970.00
<input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but Internation Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO . . . . .	\$840.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO . . . . .	\$690.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) . . . . .	\$670.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) . . . . .	\$96.00	

**ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =**

\$1,000.00

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).  20  30

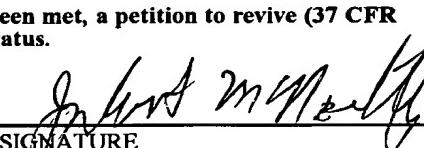
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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total claims	35 - 20 =	15	x \$18.00	\$270.00
Independent claims	3 - 3 =	0	x \$80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable).			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$270.00
			<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>	<b>\$1,540.00</b>
Reduction of 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity Statement must also be filed (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) (check if applicable).			<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00
			<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>	<b>\$1,540.00</b>
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)).			<input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 +	\$0.00
			<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>	<b>\$1,540.00</b>
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) (check if applicable).			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$40.00
			<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>	<b>\$1,580.00</b>
			Amount to be: refunded	\$
			charged	\$

 A check in the amount of \$1,580.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. Please charge my Deposit Account No. in the amount of to cover the above fees.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0750 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.**

SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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**EXPRESS MAIL COVER LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

- (1) Specification (17 pages);
- (2) Claims (4 pages);
- (3) Abstract (1 page);
- (4) Amended Claims 1 to 15 according to PCT Art. 34 (4 pages);
- (5) Verification of English translation;
- (6) Preliminary Amendment;
- (7) Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages);
- (8) Five Sheets drawings in triplicate;
- (9) Transmittal form (duplicate);

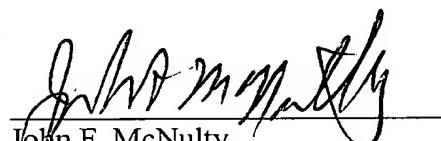
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- (10) Check in the amount of \$1580.00 application filing fee;
- (11) Assignment with PTO 1595;
- (12) Antrag (PCT Request);
- (13) Application in German;
- (14) International Search Report, dated July 9, 2000;
- (15) International Preliminary Examination Report, dated December 21, 2000;
- (16) Information Disclosure Statement with PTO 1449;
- (17) Express Mail cover letter, and
- (18) Paul & Paul postcard to be returned by the PTO.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS COMMUNICATION, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT, TO PAUL & PAUL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 16-0750, ORDER NO. 0114.

Respectfully submitted,



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